

On page 20, line 24, delete "summery" and replace it with --summary--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 14, and amend claims 1, 3, 11, and 14, and add new claims 15-37 as follows:

1 1. (AMENDED) In a computer system, a method for [selecting
2 displaying a subset of a set of connected parts] estimating damage to a vehicle,
3 said method comprising the steps of:
4 simultaneously displaying a plurality of types of identifiers
5 representing [said set of connected parts] vehicle parts;
6 selecting a vehicle part by selecting an identifier from said plurality of
7 types of identifiers; and
8 obtaining an estimate of damage to a vehicle based upon said selected
9 vehicle part.
10 [displaying said subset of said set in response to said selecting step.]

1 2. (AMENDED) The method of claim [2] 1 wherein one of said plurality
2 of types of identifiers [comprise] is a textual list[s, graphics icons, and hot
3 spots].

1 3. (AMENDED) The method of claim 2 wherein said textual list
2 comprises a list of vehicle parts displayed [in a menu] by said computer
3 system.

Q3 1 ⁴/₃ (AMENDED) The method of claim ⁴/₃ wherein said selecting a
2 vehicle part step comprises the step of selecting a vehicle part from said list of
3 vehicle parts.

Q4 1 ⁵/₁ (AMENDED) The method of claim [10] ¹/₁ wherein said vehicle is an
2 automobile.

1 ⁶/₁ (NEW) The method of claim 1 wherein one of said plurality of
2 types of identifiers is a graphics icon.

Q3 1 ⁷/₁ (NEW) The method of claim 1 wherein one of said plurality of
2 types of identifiers is a hot spot.

1 ⁸/₁ (NEW) The method of claim ⁶/₁ wherein said graphics icons
2 comprise images of vehicle parts displayed by a computer system.

1 ⁹/₁ (NEW) The method of claim ⁷/₁ wherein each of said hot spots
2 comprises a symbol associated with a vehicle part displayed by said computer
3 system.

1 ¹⁰/₁ (NEW) The method of claim ⁶/₁ wherein said selecting step
2 comprises the step of selecting a graphics icon.

1 ¹¹/₁ (NEW) The method of claim ⁷/₁ wherein said selecting step
2 comprises the step of selecting a hot spot.

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1 ~~11~~. (NEW) An article of manufacture comprising:
2 a computer usable medium having computer readable program code
3 embodied therein for estimating damage to a vehicle, the computer readable
4 program code in said article of manufacture comprising:
5 computer readable program code configured to cause a computer to
6 simultaneously display a plurality of types of identifiers representing vehicle
7 parts;
8 computer readable program code configured to cause a computer to
9 allow selection of a vehicle part by selecting an identifier from said plurality
10 of types of identifiers; and
11 computer readable program code configured to cause a computer to
12 obtain an estimate of damage to a vehicle based upon said selected vehicle
13 part.

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1 ~~12~~. (NEW) The article of manufacture of claim ~~11~~ wherein one of said
2 plurality of types of identifiers is a textual list.

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1 ~~13~~. (NEW) The article of manufacture of claim ~~11~~ wherein one of said
2 plurality of types of identifiers is a graphics icon.

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1 ~~14~~. (NEW) The article of manufacture of claim ~~11~~ wherein one of said
2 plurality of types of identifiers is a hot spot.

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1 ~~15~~. (NEW) The article of manufacture of claim ~~12~~ wherein said
2 program code configured to cause a computer to display a plurality of types of
3 identifiers further comprises computer readable program code configured to
4 cause a computer to display said textual list in a menu.

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1 26. (NEW) The article of manufacture of claim 23 wherein said
2 graphics icons are comprised of images of vehicle parts.

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1 27. (NEW) The article of manufacture of claim 24 wherein each of said
2 hot spots is comprised of a symbol associated with a vehicle part.

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1 28. (NEW) The article of manufacture of claim 25 wherein said textual
2 list comprises a list of vehicle parts.

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1 29. (NEW) The article of manufacture of claim 23 wherein said
2 program code configured to cause a computer to allow selection of a vehicle
3 part by selecting an identifier from said plurality of types of identifiers further
4 comprises computer readable program code configured to cause a computer to
5 allow selection of a graphics icon.

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1 30. (NEW) The article of manufacture of claim 24 wherein said
2 program code configured to cause a computer to allow selection of a vehicle
3 part by selecting an identifier from said plurality of types of identifiers further
4 comprises computer readable program code configured to cause a computer to
5 allow selection of a hot spot.

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1 31. (NEW) The article of manufacture of claim 21 wherein said
2 vehicle is an automobile.

1 32. (NEW) In a computer system, a method for estimating damage to a
2 vehicle, said method comprising the steps of:
3 displaying a graphical representation of at least one vehicle part;

4 associating at least one selection point with said graphical
5 representation of said vehicle part;
6 selecting said vehicle part by selecting said selection point; and
7 obtaining an estimate of damage to a vehicle based upon said selected
8 vehicle part.

1 33. (NEW) The method of claim 32 wherein said vehicle is an
2 automobile.

1 34. (NEW) The method of claim 32 wherein said selection point is a
2 graphics icon.

1 35. (NEW) The method of claim 32 wherein said selection point is a
2 hot spot.

1 36. (NEW) The method of claim 34 wherein said graphics icon
2 comprises an image of a vehicle parts.

1 37. (NEW) The method of claim 35 wherein said hot spot comprises a
2 symbol associated with said vehicle part.

REMARKS

In the office action dated June 3, 1997, the examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 7, and 11, under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Montagna et al. U.S. Pat. 4,899,292 in view of "Mastering Windows 3.1" stating:

With respect to independent claim 1, Montagna discloses displaying a plurality of identifiers representing vehicle parts (col. 3, line 43 "the system may display a menu for identifying a variety of graphic images corresponding to the damage area.")

and selecting an identifier from said plurality of identifiers (col. 3, line 21 "the second graphic image is selected by means of a touch screen..."). Montagna does not show simultaneously displaying a plurality of types of identifiers. However, using a plurality of types of identifiers is common in the art. Mastering Windows 3.1 displays a plurality of types of identifiers (page 65, figure 2.7). Selection can be made by an graphic icon or by clicking on the text at the top of the window (file, options, window, help). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to display a plurality of types of identifiers in Montagna reference since it is commonly used in the art.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 4, 7, and 11 and added several independent claims. Amended independent claim 1, and new independent claims 21 and 32 provide for obtaining an estimate of damage to a vehicle based on the selected vehicle part. Montagna does not provide for the selection of a vehicle part for which an estimate is then based on. Montagna merely provides for displaying graphic images. On column 3, line 21, the "second graphic image is selected by means of a touch screen" merely provides for a further display of graphic images (see col. 3, lines 1-24). Montagna does not teach or suggest obtaining an estimate of damage to a vehicle based on the a selected vehicle part. Further, the Windows reference cited by the examiner does not provide for estimating damage to a vehicle.